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## Intermountain Region News Release

### National Park Service Announces Newly Appointed Superintendents for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

DENVER – New superintendents were named today to two of the nation's most well-known National Parks. Suzanne Lewis, a twenty-two year veteran of the NPS, will manage Yellowstone National Park, and Steve Martin, a twenty-six year NPS veteran will manage Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway according to Karen Wade, Intermountain Regional Director. Lewis and Martin will assume their new responsibilities effective early February, 2002.

"It is a unique situation when the National Park Service has the opportunity to make joint selections of managers for adjacent parks of such significance as Yellowstone and Grand Teton," said Regional Director Wade. "The selections of these individuals were approved by Interior Secretary Gale Norton because of their successful records working in collaboration with others to accomplish community conservation objectives. As a result of these selections, Interior Secretary Norton and NPS Director Mainella expect a new era of cooperation between these two parks and enhanced collaboration with park neighbors on matters of mutual interest," said Wade.

"It is an honor to be selected for this position, especially in conjunction with the selection of the superintendent for Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway," said Lewis. "Seldom does a new superintendent have the opportunity to begin a new and challenging assignment along side that of another new superintendent. I am pleased to have the opportunity to form a partnership with Steve Martin that will assist both of these park units in working with local constituencies to meet the mission of the National Park Service," she said.



Suzanne Lewis



Steve Martin

"I am honored to have been selected for the superintendency at Grand Teton National Park. Alaska and the Teton-Yellowstone region are the two areas that our family considers home," said Martin. "Teton's opportunities are remarkable with its wonderful resources, community support and the highly professional park staff. I appreciate Secretary Norton's emphasis on conservation through collaboration, communication and consultation, and look forward to working with NPS Director Fran Mainella, Regional Director Karen Wade, Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis, all of the Grand Teton park staff, land managers and communities in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem in managing and protecting our natural and cultural resources," he said.

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Suzanne Lewis is currently the superintendent at Glacier National Park where she manages over 1,013,000 acres, a staff of approximately 525 during the height of the summer season, and an annual operating budget of over \$11 million. She began her NPS career as a seasonal park ranger in 1978 at Gulf Islands National Seashore. During her 11-year tenure at Gulf Islands National Seashore, she served in a variety of positions including park technician, park historian, supervisory park ranger and management assistant to the superintendent. Chosen in 1988 for an international assignment to the Republic of Haiti, she assisted the United Nation's efforts to preserve, protect and educate Haitians in the preservation of cultural resources. In 1989, Lewis was appointed acting superintendent for Christiansted National Historic Site and Buck Island Reef National Monument in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She was selected in 1990 as the first superintendent for the newly created Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve – a 46,000 acre national park in Jacksonville, Florida. Lewis served as the superintendent for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Atlanta, Georgia, from 1997 to April 2000, where she managed one of the busiest national recreation areas in the United States, with more than 3.5 million visitors annually.

Ms. Lewis earned her B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) in American History, in 1978 from the University of West Florida. During her Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program, Lewis completed assignments with the Department of Interior Secretary's Special Assistant for Alaska, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Walt Disney World Corporation.

Throughout her NPS career, Lewis has received numerous awards including the National Parks and Conservation Association Park Manager of the Year for Partnerships in 1994. She was also awarded the Woman of Distinction Award, Girl Scout Councils of America in 1997.

Lewis enjoys traveling and completed a tour of southern Africa in 1996, visiting six national parks in Botswana and Zimbabwe, including whitewater rafting the Zambezi River. Other interests include producing pottery, both hand-build and wheel thrown, and writing and editing. She has been married to Michael Hurrell since 1983.

Steve Martin is currently superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve where he is responsible for all aspects of the management of the 6.2 million-acre park. The park has 100 permanent and 200 seasonal employees and an average annual budget of about \$15 million.

Prior to assuming the superintendency at Denali, Martin was superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, an 8.2 million-acre park encompassing part of the Brooks Range of northern Alaska. He moved to Alaska from Yellowstone National Park where he was chief of concessions. Prior to that assignment, Martin was chief of resource management and visitor protection at Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota. Before Voyageurs he was the north district ranger and Old Faithful district ranger at Yellowstone. Martin began his career as park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park in 1975 where he supervised the Colorado River field operation.

Martin earned his B.S. in Natural Resource Management from the University of Arizona in 1975. He has received many awards for his supervisory and management accomplishments, most recently the Department of Interior Meritorious Service Award.

Martin's wife, Dr. Cyd Martin, is also a career employee with the National Park Service. She is the lead anthropologist at Gates of the Arctic National Park and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, managing cultural resources for both areas. Their daughter Kate, is an optical physicist in Portland, Oregon and their twin sons, Case and Jesse, are students and hockey players at St. Olaf

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College in Minnesota. The Martins' enjoy cross-country and downhill skiing, hiking, climbing, horseback riding, whitewater rafting and fly fishing. Their other interests include travel, art, music and cooking.

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